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AT THE BANQUET IN CITY HALL, CARDIFF, IN HONOR OF JAMES
CALLAGHAN AND GEORGE THOMAS THIS EVENING, THE SECRETARY
WILL MAKE THE FOLLOWING REMARKS. RELEASE IS EMBARGOED TO
2100 HOURS LONDON TIME (1700 HOURS ETD, TODAY, MARCH 6).

BEGIN TEXT:

COMING HERE FROM OVERSEAS WE REALIZE THAT WE STAND AT THE
CENTER OF A HISTORIC CIVILIZATION. CARDIFF AND
WALES HAVE MADE SEMINAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE LIFE OF
GREAT BRITAIN AND THE WIDER CULTURE OF THE WESTERN
WORLD. THIS IS A LAND OF GREAT POETRY AND SONG, OF
ECONOMIC LEADERSHIP FROM THE BEGINNING OF THE INDUSTRIAL
AGE, OF SOCIAL AND POLITICAL IDEALISM. WALES LOOKS OUT
UPON THE OCEAN THAT TOUCHES ALL THE WESTERN NATIONS.
YOUR IDEALS AND YOUR SPIRIT, WHICH GLEAM FAR BEYOND YOUR
SHORES, HAVE BEEN AMONG THE BEACONS WHICH JOIN THOSE
NATIONS INTO A SINGLE CIVILIZATION.

I HAVE BEEN ASKED TO SPEAK FOR THE ASSEMBLED GUESTS IN
EXTENDING OUR CONGRATUALTIONS TO THE TWO MEN WHO HAVE
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BEEN HONORED TODAY, JAMES CALLAGHAN AND GEORGE THOMAS.

IT IS DIFFICULT TO SPEAK FOR SO MANY AND EVEN MORE DIFFICULT TO DO JUSTICE TO THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF OUR RIGHT HONORABLE FRIENDS. TODAY, YOU HAVE HONORED THEM FOR THREE DECADES OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO YOU IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS AND AS MINISTERS OF THE CROWN.

I CONFESS THAT I VIEW THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS, PARTICULARLY THOSE OF MY FRIEND JIM CALLAGHAN, FROM A PERSPECTIVE DIFFERENT THAN YOUR OWN. BY CONFERRING THE FREEDOM OF THE CITY UPON HIM, YOU HAVE SYMBOLICALLY WELCOMED HIM AS A CITIZEN OF CARDIFF AND WALES. BUT I KNOW HIM AS A CITIZEN OF CARDIFF AND OF WALES. BUT I KNOW HIM AS CITIZEN OF THE WORLD AS A STATESMAN WHO HAS BEEN MY VALUED COLLEAGUE IN OUR COMMON SEARCH FOR A MORE SECURE PEACE, A FRIEND ON WHOSE WORD ONE CAN ALWAYS RELY, AND WHOSE STEADINESS IS A CONSTANT SOURCE OF STRENGTH. BY SUPPORTING JIM CALLAGHAN DURING HIS LONG CAREER IN PARLIAMENT, CARDIFF HAS GIVEN HIM THE OPPORTUNITY FOR THE BROAD EXPERIENCE, AT HOME AND ABROAD, THAT NOW ALLOWS HIM TO SPEAK SO EFFECTIVELY FOR BRITAIN IN THE WORLD COMMUNITY. NOT ONLY BRITAIN BUT AMERICA MUST BE GRATEFUL FOR YOUR TRUST.

OVER THE PAST YEAR, JIM CALLAGHAN AND I HAVE BEEN CLOSE PARTNERS IN THE EFFORT TO COPE TOGETHER WITH THE SERIOUS NEW CHALLENGES THAT FACE US IN THE CONTEMPORARY WORLD. JIM CALLAGHAN'S WISDOM HAS INVARIABLY BEEN HARD-HEADED AND PRACTICAL. BUT HE HAS NEVER FORGOTTEN THAT IMMEDIATE SOLUTIONS MUST PROVE BARREN UNLESS THEY SERVE SOME LARGER CONCEPTION AND RELATE TO SOME DEEPER HUMAN VALUE. OUR TIME NEEDS STRENGTH AND REALISM, BUT WE MUST NEVER FORGET THAT ONLY IDEALISTS CAN HAVE THE STRENGTH TO PREVAIL AND ONLY MEN OF VISION CAN TRANSFORM REALITY.

THE CORNERSTONE OF ALL OUR EFFORTS MUST BE COOPERATION BETWEEN EUROPE AND THE UNITED STATES. FOR MORE THAN A GENERATION, THIS TRANS-ATLANTIC RELATIONSHIP HAS SUSTAINED OUR MUTUAL SAFETY AND PROSPERITY. AND WITHIN THAT RELATIONSHIP THE CLOSE TIE OF BRITAIN AND THE UNITED STATES HAS HAD A SPECIAL PLACE. STATESMEN OF BOTH PARTIES IN BOTH UNCLASSIFIED

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OF OUR COUNTRIES HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO ITS CONSTRUCTION AND HAVE BUILT ON IT IN SUCCESSIVE ADMINISTRATIONS.

IT WAS WINSTON CHURCHILL WHO FORESAW, IN THE DARKEST HOUR OF WORLD WAR II, THAT THE ALLIANCE OF OUR NATIONS COULD BE A BASIS FOR THE DELIVERANCE OF THE WEST FROM THE DANGERS OF TYRANNY, HARDSHIP, AND WAR. "IF WE ARE TOGETHER" HE SAID, "NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE."

IF WE ARE DIVIDED ALL WILL FAIL. I THEREFORE PREACH
CONTINUALLY THE DOCTRINE OF THE FRATERNAL ASSOCIATION OF

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OUR TWO PEOPLES, NOT FOR ANY PURPOSE OF GAINING...
ADVANTAGES FOR EITHER OF THEM, ...BUT FOR THE SAKE OF
SERVICE TO MANKIND AND FOR THE HONOR THAT COMES TO THOSE
WHO FAITHFULLY SERVE GREAT CAUSES."

IT WAS ERNEST BEVIN, ONE OF THE GREATEST BRITISH FOREIGN
SECRETARIES, WHO JOINED, FOLLOWING THE WAR, WITH THE
LEADERS OF THE UNITED STATES TO FORGE THE SYSTEM OF
COLLECTIVE SECURITY UNDER WHICH WE STILL LIVE.

TODAY, JAMES CALLAGHAN CARRIES ON THAT PROUD TRADITION.
UNDER HIS GUIDANCE, WE MAY BE SURE THAT THE ASSOCIATION
BETWEEN OUR PEOPLES WILL, AS CHURCHILL HAPPILY PUT IT,
"JUST KEEP ROLLING ALONG," AS INEXORABLE AS EVER. ON A
BROAD RANGE OF ISSUES VITAL TO OUR COMMON SECURITY AND
PROGRESS, -- WHICH MEANS IN EFFECT THE WHOLE SPECTRUM
OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS -- OUR INTIMATE CONSULTATION,
ADVICE AND MUTUAL ASSISTANCE HAVE BECOME SECOND NATURE.
AND THE STRENGTH OF OUR ASSOCIATION HAS LENT STABILITY
TO THE GROWING RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN AMERICA AND EUROPE
AS A WHOLE.
AND SO AS I LEAVE TOMORROW FOR THE MIDDLE EAST TO SEEK

PROGRESS TOWARDS A PEACE WE ALL SEEK I GO REINFORCED
BY THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXCHANGE VIEWS OVER MANY WEEKS WITH
THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT AND ESPECIALLY EXTENSIVE
DISCUSSIONS WITH THE FOREIGN SECRETARY. I ALSO GO
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SADDENED BY THE KNOWLEDGE THAT INNOCENT LIVES HAVE AGAIN
BEEN SACRIFICED IN THE CONFLICT BETWEEN ARAB AND
ISRAELI WHICH HAS CLAIMED SO MANY LIVES OVER THE
DECADES. THE TERRORIST INCIDENT IN TEL AVIV LAST NIGHT
AND THIS MORNING -- A RANDOM AND SENSELESS ACT --
REMINDS US ONCE MORE OF THE TRAGIC DIMENSIONS OF THIS
CONFLICT. VIOLENCE DOES NOT FORWARD THE CAUSE OF PEACE.
IT LEADS TO COUNTER-ACTIONS IN WHICH MORE LIVES ARE LOST,
THE TRAGEDY IS COMPOUNDED, AND THE CAUSE OF JUSTICE
WHICH BOTH SIDES SEEK IS MADE MORE DIFFICULT TO ACHIEVE.

THE PEOPLES OF THE MIDDLE EAST HAVE SUFFERED ENOUGH.
THEY HAVE EARNED A SURCEASE FROM THEIR AGONY. WE SHALL,
THEREFORE, CONTINUE OUR EFFORTS TO PROMOTE NEGOTIATIONS
AND FURTHER STEPS TOWARD PEACE IN THE MIDDLE
EAST -- BECAUSE WE MUST, AND BECAUSE THE ALTERNATIVE
IS MORE TRAVAIL AND TRAGEDY, NOT ONLY FOR THE PEOPLES
CONCERNED, BUT ULTIMATELY FOR THE WORLD.

IN THE WORLD AT LARGE MUCH HAS CHANGED IN THE LAST 35
YEARS. EUROPE HAS GAINED NEW ECONOMIC STRENGTH. OLD
REASONS FOR WESTERN SOLIDARITY, SUCH AS THE COLD WAR,
HAVE DIMINISHED IN URGENCY. NEW POWERS, NOTABLY
JAPAN, HAVE JOINED THE INDUSTRIALIZED WORLD, AND NEW
CENTERS OF INFLUENCE, SUCH AS THE OIL PRODUCERS, HAVE
ARISEN WITHIN THE DEVELOPING WORLD. AS WE SEEK A NEW
BASIS FOR ATLANTIC RELATIONS, WE MUST BE MORE AWARE
OF RELATIONS WITH THE REST OF THE WORLD THAN EVER BEFORE.

BUT AT A TIME OF CHANGE, LET US ALSO REAFFIRM THE
ENDURING PRINCIPLES THAT HAVE GUIDED, AND STILL GUIDE,
RELATIONS BETWEEN AMERICA AND EUROPE.

-- OUR ASSOCIATION IS BASED UPON A DEEP COMMUNITY OF

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VALUES AND INTERESTS. OUR STRATEGIC INTERESTS CLOSELY COINCIDE. OUR ECONOMIES ARE INTERDEPENDENT. AMERICANS, MOST OF WHOM ARE THE DESCENDANTS OF EUROPEANS, SHARE EUROPE'S COMMITMENT TO THE IDEALS OF FREEDOM, DEMOCRACY, AND A LIFE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL OUR PEOPLES.

-- A MAJOR COMMON PURPOSE OF OUR POLICIES IS TO PRESERVE OUR CIVILIZATION FROM PRESSURES OF INSECURITY OR SCARCITY; TO REALIZE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR FREEDOM AND PROGRESS AND TO ACHIEVE TOGETHER A WORLD AT PEACE.

-- OUR RELATIONSHIP IS BASED ON PARTNERSHIP AND FRIENDSHIP. OUR INSPIRATION IS THE NEED TO VINDICATE MAN IN AN AGE OF PROLIFERATING TECHNOLOGY AND TO GIVE HOPE TO A WORLD CAPABLE OF SELF-DESTRUCTION.

JIM CALLAGHAN AND I HAVE THE PRIVILEGE OF SERVING TWO NATIONS WHOSE HISTORIC PARTNERSHIP HAS BEEN CENTRAL TO THE UNITY AND THE PROGRESS OF THE WEST. OUR NATIONS HAVE COMMON PURPOSES THAT TRANSCEND THE INTERESTS OF BRITAIN OR AMERICA, OR EUROPE. WE ARE THE INHERITORS OF A VISION OF WHAT THE UNITY OF THE WEST CAN MEAN FOR THE FUTURE OF ALL MANKIND.

JIM CALLAGHAN AND I ARE FRIENDS, AS OUR TWO PEOPLES ARE FRIENDS AND WE ARE PARTNERS AS OUR TWO PEOPLES ARE PARTNERS. I REPEAT TO YOU MY THANKS FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE HERE TODAY. ONE UNDERSTANDS A MAN BETTER FOR UNCLASSIFIED

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SEEING WHAT SHAPED HIM. I WANT TO EXTEND MY DEEP GRATITUDE TO CARDIFF AND TO WALES FOR HAVING HELPED MAKE

JIM CALLAGHAN THE MAN AND THE STATESMAN HE IS.

AND I JOIN MY VOICE TO YOURS IN COMMEMORATING THE GREAT
HONOR YOU HAVE BESTOWED UPON BOTH OUR RIGHT HONORABLE
FRIENDS.

THANK YOU.

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